

Tulsa and Kansas City Baseball Clubs Open Local Exhibition Season Today

INITIAL CONTEST IN NEW BALL-LOT

Lefty Hewitt or Al Sparks To Oppose Lefty Graham On the Mound.

GAME STARTS AT 3 O'CLOCK

Tulsa Fandom Expected to Give Western Leaguers a Big Send-off.

Probable Lineup.

Tulsa	Kansas City
Wright, m	Wright, m
Wright, c	Wright, c
Wright, 1b	Wright, 1b
Wright, 2b	Wright, 2b
Wright, 3b	Wright, 3b
Wright, ss	Wright, ss
Wright, lf	Wright, lf
Wright, cf	Wright, cf
Wright, p	Wright, p

(By LARRY DAILEY)

The Tulsa Western league and Kansas City American association baseball clubs are to open the local spring exhibition season today at the new home at Tenth and Elgin streets.

Lefty Hewitt, former Giant, Bash Johnson, ex-Browns, and Beale Baker, who was in the big top several seasons, form one of the best lineups in minor league baseball.

Two infielders up there. Lefty Hewitt, first, the pitcher, and Bash Johnson, shortstop, have been seen up there long enough to get their names in the record book.

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MUTT AND JEFF—OF COURSE THAT SETTLES THE PENNANT RACE

By Bud Fisher



The Races

HOT SPRINGS RESULTS.

First race, 3 1/2 furlongs. Marvin May, 110 (Brown), first; Marnie O. 107 (Smallwood), second; Miss Parnell, 104 (Wheatley), third. Time, 43.4-5.

Second race, six furlongs. Blue Paradise, 116 (Connolly), first; Amara, 97 (Robinson), second; Ermitana, 107 (McIntyre), third. Time, 1:16.2-5.

Third race, six furlongs. Ninety Simplex, 115 (Groth), first; Archie Alexander, 89 (Boyle), second; Eager Kate, 103 (Garnier), third. Time, 1:16.

Fourth race, six furlongs. American Ace, 109 (Garnier), first; Ultima Thule (Connolly), second; Diversion, 102 (Cahill), third. Time, 1:14.2-5.

Fifth race, one mile. Tantalus, 88 (Dunbar), first; Omund, 100 (Cassidy), second; Mountain Rose, 112 (Sawyer), third. Time, 1:42.2-5.

Sixth race, one mile. Cobalt, 106 (McIntyre), first; Chormaster, 104 (Johnston), second; Adelaide, 113 (Barrett), third. Time, 1:44.2-5.

Seventh race, one mile. Ruth Strickland, 110 (Doyle), first; Doctor Zab, 106 (Doyle), second; Appie Jack, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Eighth race, one mile. Captain Frederick, 104 (Doyle), first; Naeledonia, 106 (Doyle), second; Bert Williams, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Ninth race, one mile. King K, 104 (Doyle), first; Langford, 106 (Doyle), second; Jack K, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Tenth race, one mile. Liberator, 104 (Doyle), first; Valerie West, 106 (Doyle), second; Jane, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Eleventh race, one mile. Astrid, 91 (Doyle), first; Miss Wells, 106 (Doyle), second; Miss Kruger, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Twelfth race, one mile. Old Ben, 104 (Doyle), first; Gleimner, 106 (Doyle), second; Flash of Steel, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Thirteenth race, one mile. Verity, 91 (Doyle), first; Will Do, 106 (Doyle), second; King Neptune, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Fourteenth race, one mile. Lucius, 104 (Doyle), first; Frank Monroe, 106 (Doyle), second; Minnow, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Fifteenth race, one mile. Skyball, 99 (Doyle), first; Ed Stone, 106 (Doyle), second; Silver Light, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Sixteenth race, one mile. Harvest King, 104 (Doyle), first; Obolus, 106 (Doyle), second; Nolan, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Seventeenth race, one mile. Mary Mowse, 104 (Doyle), first; Under Fire, 106 (Doyle), second; Grey Eagle, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Eighteenth race, one mile. Kohinor, 104 (Doyle), first; Drastic, 106 (Doyle), second; Sluggery Elm, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Nineteenth race, one mile. Tyranny, 104 (Doyle), first; Kate Bright, 106 (Doyle), second; Bon Tromp, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

Twentieth race, one mile. N. Aken, 104 (Doyle), first; Bob Henley, 106 (Doyle), second; Arthur Middleton, 104 (Doyle), third. Time, 1:40.2-5.

SEVEN-PLAYER LIMIT IS NOT A VIOLATION

Southern Association Head Says It Is in Accord With National Association Rules.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 4.—John D. Martin, president of the Southern association, in a statement issued today after reading a dispatch from New Orleans quoting a telegram from August Hermann, chairman of the national commission, to A. J. Heinemann, president of the New Orleans club, in regard to the "seven player" rule adopted at the fall meeting of the Southern association, declared that the national commission no longer had jurisdiction over the affairs of the Southern or other minor leagues and asserted that the rule in question does not violate any provision of the national association agreement.

In regard to what he terms the "threat" by Mr. Hermann that relations between the major and minor leagues will be severed if the national association of minor league clubs attempts to carry out rules of the character adopted by the Southern association, Mr. Martin calls attention to the action taken at the January meeting of the national association in New York city, providing that the national board of arbitration should have exclusive jurisdiction over minor league affairs.

"The Southern association rules complained of by Mr. Hermann do not violate the national association agreement," Mr. Martin said, "which expressly provides that each separate league shall have exclusive right and power to be the sole judge of its player limit, salary limit and qualifications of its individual players. The national commission has no jurisdiction over the Southern association internal affairs or over appeals from the national board of arbitration as was formerly the case. I confidently expect a decision from the national board of arbitration holding the Southern association rules legal."

There have been numerous youthful athletes who have won fame in their teens. A few, though not many, have made good in baseball, many have been football stars and there are several boxers who became top notchers before reaching their majority.

Vincent Richards, 16-year-old boy, who yesterday won the national indoor tennis title from William Tilden in five desperately contested sets and who thereby added his fifth national championship in a year's play, is the youngest athlete to ever reach such a high place in the sporting world.

Young Richards' tennis record is even more sensational than the golfing record of Bobby Jones, but golf is a game of skill, while tennis is a game of power. Richards was an unknown school boy two years ago, but since that time he has developed not only into the greatest young player in the game, but as one of the best racket wielders in the game.

That little blase between John D. Martin, president of the Southern association, and A. J. Heinemann, head of the New Orleans club, in that league, threatens to develop into a real conflagration. The feud was started when the Southern adopted a seven-player rule in which Heinemann has been bitterly opposed.

The rule provides that only seven players who have pastured in the A or higher classification be permitted to play in the league. Martin holds that the rule adds in the development of young players. Heinemann says it will result in slowness, that more veterans are needed.

Possibly the matter would have been amicably settled had not August Hermann, chairman of the national commission, threatened a severance of relations between the major and minor leagues if the seven-player rule was not rescinded.

No serious difficulty is anticipated, however, as the major league acts alone without the minors and the minors couldn't take without the majors.

Entries for flight. LONDON, April 4.—Major J. G. P. Woodcock and Capt. C. G. W. W. both of Manchester, were today entered in the contest for the first London-Atlantic air flight, according to the Manchester Guardian.

ALBANY, Ga., April 4.—H. R. E. Boston Nationals, 15, 14, 1. Detroit Americans, 9, 12, 5. Baltimore Orioles, 10, 11, 1. Tragedy, James, Erickson and Yell.

Liquor Violation Charged. NOKES, FORT WORTH, Texas, April 4.—Olin Nokes, Texas league ball player, is accused of violating the Prohibition prohibiting importation of liquor in a charge filed in the federal court today.

Exhibition Games. TAMPA, Florida, April 4.—H. R. E. Boston Americans, 2, 7, 2. Baltimore Orioles, 10, 11, 1. Tragedy, James, Erickson and Yell.

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Looks Like Major Leaguer



Bill Wano.

One of the most promising players on the roster of the Tulsa Western league baseball club is William (Bill) Wano, Indian first sacker, formerly with the Oklahoma City Western association and New Orleans Southern association clubs. While early spring phenoms often are famous when the real grind gets under way, Wano is not an unknown youngster and his terrific batting in practice may be taken as an indication of his worth.

Like his fellow chief, Jim Thorpe, Wano is an Oklahoma and received his start in professional baseball in his native state. He was a student at the Chickasaw Indian college for five years and each year was a member of the baseball and basketball teams, making his letter the first year out and thereafter. In 1917, the Indians played football, college at Tulsa. The Oklahoma City Western association was in town that day and Wano took occasion to look the game over. Wano's play was so impressive that he was offered an Oklahoma City contract, which he accepted. Wano joined the Capital city club July 4, playing in the Liberty day doubleheader, succeeding Norman Price who was injured early in the first game. The youngster's play that day and throughout the season justified the confidence reposed in him by the Oklahoma City officials.

His batting was one of the sensations of the league and his fielding, rather crude at first, soon became smooth. Wano, was in the lineup last summer, stationed near New Orleans. When the Pelicans sent several players through the draft Wano volunteered his services to the club, which were accepted. Bill played several games with the Pelicans and his work was so satisfactory that this winter he was offered a contract with the Crescent City Southern association entry. Wano had been recommended to Spencer Aldott, president of the Tulsa club, by Mr. Duncan. So when offered a contract by the local club the sooner decided to accept it, that would permit him to play near his home, a few miles from Muskogee.

Wano is an intelligent fellow, with no bad habits and lots of ambition. He is a capable initial sack coverer and base runner, but it is his batting which makes him a formidable candidate for a place on the Tulsa club and which it is believed will eventually send him to the major leagues.

SOONERS IN OPENING GAME FROM CENTRAL. NORMAN, Okla., April 4.—The Oklahoma university baseball team opened its season with a 4 to 1 victory over Central normal here this afternoon. Meadows' pitching was the feature. He allowed two hits and struck out 13 men. Only one run was scored in the game.

Three successive singles by Harry McKeel and Robinson and scores by those three in successive innings won. The same teams play again tomorrow.

The score. R. H. E. Oklahoma 2 11 10 4 6 4. Central 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0. Oklahoma Meadows and McKeel. Central Brown, Emerson, Trotter and Holland.

\$220,000 Offer for Heavy Championship Battle Only a Joke. GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 4.—A \$220,000 offer for a heavy championship battle between the world champion and the world champion was made today by the World Wrestling Association.

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PUGILISTS FEAR THE HAND OF THE "JINX"

Boxers Most Superstitious of Athletes—Will Not Shave Three Days Before a Scrap.

As a class, fighters are the most superstitious athletes in the world. Many fighters will not shave before a bout, unless they can do so three days before the mill, and any number of them will not pay a bill within 72 hours before they enter the ring.

To pay a bill within the "jinx" period, according to Ray Bronson, is an omen that they will meet defeat and have no bills to pay for an indefinite period after the engagement.

Chicago gardner, that sterling battler of 20 years ago, considered it a sure sign of ill luck if he spied a cat the day of a match. Oscar would say he was not superstitious, but he would not overlook the supposed influence of a feline.

Kilbane a "Believer." Johnny Kilbane says he is not a believer in the stuff from witchcraft days, but the champion featherweight will not stand for lighting three cigars or cigarettes from one match. His excuse is that it looks miserly, but the energy exerted by Johnny in striking any such action stamps him as a "believer."

It has been said that Martin Canale, a miller of much class in former days, was a believer in superstition and made no effort to hide his belief. One of his "pet" in this line was to keep away from dogs on the day of a bout. Canale nearly insulted some warm personal friends with this eccentricity, but, every thing was righted when it was explained why he "blew up" on the sight of a dog.

Grover Hayes, Philadelphia lightweight of promise, a few years ago, would not think of starting a match without first turning his back on his opponent. This he usually did by bearing his weight on the ropes, as though forcing his gloves to fit snugly, but Hayes' may friends have enjoyed a short laugh watching him, after they were in the "know."

Joe Walcott laughed at the idea of being superstitious, but on one occasion he could not be bribed to walk under a ladder, according to Jimmy Time. Walcott refused to collect a fee for stepping under the ladder, when bantered by some friends.

To Return Dutch Ships. NEW YORK, April 4.—Negotiations for the early return to their owners of the 87 Dutch ships which were requisitioned by the United States in March of last year, are in progress and it was said today by an officer of the shipping board that delivery may be under way by May 1. A representative of one of the Dutch lines said he had been advised from Washington that a proposition with reference to the time, terms and manner of delivery had been cabled by the shipping board to the allied transport council in London.

Wife Commits Suicide. CHICAGO, April 4.—Mrs. Irving C. Blum, wife of a wealthy Chicago business man, found shot with a rifle bullet in the basement of their suburban home, committed suicide, according to a report to Coroner Victor M. Hoffman by Dr. Howard H. Hlatton today.

Designer Is Acquitted. LONDON, April 4.—Reginald Devuville, a fashion designer, formerly of New York, was found not guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of "Billie" Carlton, an American dancer, in the old Bailey court today. The dancer was found dead under mysterious circumstances in a London hotel early last December and it had been charged that Devuville supplied her with cocaine.

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ORIGIN OF BILLIARDS SHROUDED MYSTERY

None of European Nations Can Prove That Game Started There—National Institution Here.

Billiards is one game greatly enjoyed in America, but one whose origin is shrouded in the deepest mystery. Who discovered billiards and where did they come from? This query, or one similar to it, has been asked thousands of times, and each time it has gone unanswered.

Stranger as it may seem, none of the European nations, where billiards is popularly supposed to have originated, will positively claim the game as their own. Spain, England, Germany, France, Italy and Egypt have been credited, and each seems to strive for some sort of evidence that will clinch the claim—but to no avail.

One authority on ancient pastimes, credited to a Greek, More, king of land in the second century, and having left behind some brass "billiards." Another writer says he has evidence that Anarcharis, in traveling through Greece 400 B. C., witnessed a game analogous to billiards.

We only know that billiards was known during Shakespeare's time. "Let us to billiards. Come, Charmian" (Anthony and Cleopatra, Act II, Scene V). Whether or not billiards in Shakespeare's time was even similar to the present pastime we can only hazard a guess.

Billiards are supposed to have been brought to America by a colony of Spaniards who settled in and near St. Augustine, Fla., in 1565, but there is really no absolute evidence of this. Our presidents from George Washington down have played and enjoyed the game. Washington was an adept, according to some diary accounts now in the possession of Philadelphia families. Henriques Devigne, a writer who lived in France in the reign of Charles XI, is generally credited with having given form to the game, but he admitted in some of his writings that he was unable to settle upon the real founder.

Billiards has become an almost national institution in this country. In England where the game was once more favored than golf, it has been neglected, until there are not at present any titular contenders there for the attention from our own Willie Hoppe.

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